

If a candidate for Congress is to be selected by a primary this year, we believe that the chairman of the various county committees should meet at the same time and place that the Congressional committee meets and discuss the situation in the various counties. Then the county committees should set the date for their primary the same day as that set for the Congressional primary. The senatorial committee should do the same thing—conserve the reformer.

The Times endorse the suggestion of the Reformer that the chairman of the county Democratic committees of the several counties meet with the Congressional committee, discuss and adopt ways and means of working in harmony. We would suggest, however, that instead of them agreeing upon some one date for the Congressional and county primaries, that the final date of the Congressional primary be set far enough ahead to give all candidates ample time to canvass the district and the people an opportunity to get acquainted with them and their political alignments, but providing that at any county primary held prior to that date, candidates for Congress shall be voted for at such primary.

This suggestion is made, first, because it is not practicable for each county in the district to have its primary for the nomination of local candidates on the same date; second, because, as very few counties would hold their primaries the same day, the candidates for Congress could devote the time of campaigning to each county just before its primary, and not be confused as to which county it would be best for them to make their closing appeal in; and third, because the voting for a congressional nominee at county primaries would lessen the expense of candidates, and no aspirant could say that he was barred because of a high assessment on the committee.

In an arrangement of this sort, all candidates would contribute whatever is assessed against them to the several county committees—except possibly small assessments to the Congressional committee for general expenses—and this assessment should not be more than a few dollars in excess of that assessed against county candidates for defraying the expenses of the county primary.

In the meeting of the chairman of the county committees with the Congressional committee, the expenses of the chairman should be borne by the counties of each in the interest of good organization. It will take some money and a little time to effect a safe and sound party organization.

We would like to see every Democratic paper in this congressional district lay this or some better scheme before its readers, and let it be discussed, so that the people and the county committees may understand it.

Republican senators plan to defer railway rate revision legislation till after statehood, pure-food and other issues are disposed of.

Senate committee report shows that Shonta declared Wallace's work on Cuba out to have been wasted and his estimates all wrong.

Miss Alice Roosevelt paid the duties on the various present and souvenirs brought back from the recent with her personal check for \$15.25.

Modern business methods have outgrown state lines, says Commissioner Garfield in his annual report, and federal regulation is necessary.

A bomb found on a train on which President Louche of France was traveling with a shooting party proved, on examination, to be a harmless affair.

President Roosevelt makes public letters that passed between him and Moody relative to Santa Fe rebate case, in which Paul Morton was exonerated.

Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the theater at Leominster, O. They were James Dwyer and Mrs. William Marsh and her two young children.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

## LIBERTYVILLE ITEMS

Comers and goers are numerous this week.

Joe Berryman of Fredericktown is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wulferf.

Ralph Kernan of Flat River is visiting Leo and Uncle John Moran.

Cr. T. L. Haney and family of Flat River are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moran.

Robert Moran and son Paul of Bonne Terre are spending Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brewen of Flat River are spending the holidays with Mr. Fred Hicks.

Misses Alma and Carrie Presnell left Tuesday for an extended visit to their uncle, Dr. Smith of Sikes ton.

Mrs. P. A. Cashion and children left Tuesday for a week's visit to her father, Judge Yount, of Perry county.

Harold Crow of the Cape Normal is home for the holidays. His many friends are glad to see him home again.

Miss Ora Conrad, primary teacher of our public school, has gone to her home in Bollinger county to enjoy Christmas.

Mrs. F. L. Graham and daughters, Mabel and Grace, and son, Raymond, are spending the holidays at Fredericktown.

A rabbit hunt at G. N. Baker's next Saturday evening. Everybody is invited to come and bring his dogs, but no guns will be allowed.

Willie Ronalds of St. Louis and his sisters, Misses Emma Ronalds and Julia Sebastian of Creek Nation, were welcome visitors here Christmas.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the M. E. Church Christmas night was good.

A very large crowd was present and the scholars acquitted themselves well, good order prevailed during the exercises and nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the evening.

Eld S. W. Robinson preached a Christmas discourse at the Christian church Sunday evening, and will preach a New Year's discourse next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present and hear the plans adopted to work for the upbuilding of Christ's church in 1936.

Miss Ste. Mary Kinkaid departed Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Deguire of Fredericktown for Miami, Florida, and will remain several months with the hope of regaining her health. She and her mother were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Banes Tuesday, where a number of her friends gathered to bid her good-bye.

Miss Ste. Mary is a regular attendant at Sunday school and church and will be greatly missed; but we all hope that she will soon be restored to health and return home to do much more good for Christ and his church.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Whitworth of Higdon, Mo., W. A. Simpson of Libertyville and Miss Piesha Whitworth of Higdon, Eld. W. H. Hale of Piedmont officiating.

Mr. Simpson and his bride arrived at his father's, Mr. G. W. Simpson of this place, Monday. Tuesday evening quite a number of friends and neighbors gathered to pay their respects to him and his estimable wife. All the dainties common to Christmas times were served to those assembled, and a pleasant evening was spent.

About 10 o'clock all departed for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Simpson prosperity and happiness through life.

FELIX.

## RURAL ROUTE NO. 3

Joel Laws sawed wood last week for Dock Mackley and Uncle Jeff Haven.

John Marks and Pearl Vance ate turkey with Mrs. Danner's family Christmas day.

Miss Mollie Danner of St. Louis came down to spend Christmas with her mother.

Greer and Laws went to St. Louis last week to buy a new stock of groceries to start their new store at Desloge.

A very quiet Christmas on Route 3. Glad, indeed, for above all our holidays that ought to be sacred is the birthday of our Savior.

Master Claude Laws came down from St. Louis last Tuesday to visit his grandparents and his little cousins, F. M. Laws' children.

Your scribe thinks from all indications there will be several more weddings along Route 3 soon. Go on, boys, it's a good time—we have had a good crop year.

Pearl Vance has bought 100 acres of land from his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, and Miss Ella is going to erect a residence in the near future.

Married, December 23d, in Farmington, J. W. Yount of Shawneetown, Ill., and Miss Edna Phillips of near Chestnut Ridge, Rev. W. R. McCormack officiating.

H. Harrison came home from Ozora, Mo., where he is teaching, to look after his cattle interests and eat turkey with the home folks, returning Tuesday morning.

The Vance Brothers have lost one of their fat hogs as well as some of their stock hogs by cholera. Doctor your hogs, farmers; an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure.

Miss Ella B. Vance, who is teaching a very successful term of school at Unity school house, is home for the holidays. She and

her brother, John Vance, ate turkey with the Harrison family on Christmas evening.

Taylor Vance went out near Three Rivers Christmas day to see his brother-in-law, Walker Johnson. We are sorry indeed to learn that Mr. Johnson is not as well as he has been; he has had paralysis for over a year. Mr. Vance returned to St. Louis on Tuesday evening to resume his work for the Metropolitan Insurance company, for which he has worked about three years.

Miss Margaret Laws, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel J. Laws, who has been attending the High School at Bonne Terre, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents.

She expects to graduate during the present term of school. Miss Margaret is an excellent young lady and a bright and shining light in the church and in the community in which she lives.

What's the matter with Senator Dewey of New York and Governor Odell, also Rockefeller? What was the matter with Ohio and Pennsylvania in the recent elections? We old moss backs feel good and know that the old principles of Democracy are not dead.

R. R. No. 3.

## LOUGHBORO.

Mrs. Amelia Blankenship spent last Sunday in Farmington.

Mrs. Elmina Ritter was the guest of Mrs. Louis Yeates Tuesday.

Miss Della Wallen has gone to Fredericktown to spend the holidays.

Miss Lena West has gone to Bismarck to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Lillie Yeates spent Monday and Tuesday visiting friends at Valley Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kendall and children spent Christmas with relatives at Valley Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. McFarland and children visited relatives at Bonne Terre recently.

Misses Jennie Taylor and Zeph Heaton are visiting relatives and friends at Elvins this week.

Ered and Will Yeates of Leadwood spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yeates.

Mrs. Jennie Wallen of Doe Run has returned to her home after spending several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Firman Rubideaux and baby of Desloge have returned home, after spending several days with the family of James Hurley.

## SALEM ITEMS.

Miss Mattie Murphy of Desloge spent the holidays with her mother.

Miss Carrie Yeager spent the past several weeks in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack William's children all spent Christmas day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starks spent Tuesday in Ste. Genevieve with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brewer entertained quite a few relatives on Christmas day.

Chas. Zeigler of Flat River spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. O. W. Hoy.

Our teachers, Prof. Byington and Miss Rames are spending the week in Farmington.

Miss Della Newby of Jay Dee spent several days recently with Miss Laura Detrait.

Misses Becca and Ella Cunningham spent a few days this week with relatives at Thurman.

Miss Sallie Perryman of Oakland spent Friday night with her cousin, Mrs. Hattie Hall.

Wm. A. Perryman returned Friday night from a week's visit to relatives and friends in Kentucky.

Emmett Cunningham of Carleton is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cunningham.

Miss Hattie McCormack, who is attending school at Carleton, has been at home the past several days with the mumps.

W. Jackson Edwards spent Christmas day with his step-granddaughter, Mrs. Mabry McClintock, of near Oakland.

Several of Salem's and Russell Chapel's estimable people attended the Christmas tree at Oakland Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards and daughter, Miss Jessie, spent Monday with Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Ship and M. S. Richards of near town.

Our cottage prayer meeting is still progressing very nicely. Services were conducted by C. I. Hoy Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Thumre and children and Miss Dora Hoy of Esther, Prof. J. W. Hoy of Elvins, Calvin Hoy of Little Vine and Miss Ida Hoy of Zell, are all spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hoy.

Harvey Hoy and little Miss Edna Beard of class 2 at Oakland Sunday school, taught by Miss Etta Perryman, received first prizes for good lessons and regular attendance, and Johnnie Albough and Walter Hoy will receive second prizes for good deportment.

The Christmas tree at Oakland was quite a success in every way. An interesting program was carried out, the most impressive part being the responsive reading by the senior class, followed by the

Lord's Prayer, recited by class 3; the opening and the closing addresses by Prof. C. B. McClintock and Rev. J. A. Wood, and the nice recitations by the little ones and young ladies, and the good singing, which was quite a treat and very much enjoyed by the audience. And then at last came "Old Santa Claus," and oh, my! what joy he brought with him, and all faces were wreathed in smiles as he handed out the nice treat which he had in store for us.

OPAL.

## BISMARCK BREVITIES.

J. L. Morris is home for the holidays.

J. M. Burke and family spent Christmas in DeSoto.

Many visitors from St. Louis and elsewhere are here during the holidays.

W. B. McGuire and wife of Flat River are visiting the family of S. M. Beard.

The town board is now improving the alley crossings, much to the comfort and convenience of pedestrians.

Conrad Booth died here Sunday, December 24th. His remains were interred in the city cemetery Tuesday. He had been a resident of the town for many years.

John D. Webb died Wednesday, December 20. The Masonic fraternity, of which he has for thirty years been an enthusiastic and active member, officiated at the funeral Friday.

Rev. J. W. Hedges preached the funeral sermon. His remains were interred in the city cemetery.

The new year finds Bismarck in good condition and progressing. Streets have been graded and covered with iron clippings from Iron Mountain; sidewalks have been very generally improved, and considerable ground has been laid; two new brick store buildings have been completed; a new hotel was completed in December and is now in commission; a new, complete and modern telephone system second to none is now in operation for the pleasure, convenience and necessity of our citizens; several new dwellings were erected the past year; fresh paint, good taste, system and order, are the prevailing signs of the peace, happiness and contentment of our thriving little city. We send greetings to our sister city of Farmington, and wish you the compliments of the season.

VICTOR.

## JAY DEE DOINGS.

Lela Shelley is home from St. Louis for the holidays.

John Aulluchon was a visitor in Farmington Friday.

Harry Cunningham of Three Rivers was in our burg Sunday.

Rev. Joshua Wood preached at Aulbury Chapel Sunday.

Miss Amelia Caillish is home from Bonne Terre for the holidays.

Miss Laura DeGrant of Three Rivers is visiting in Jay Dee this week.

There will be prayer meeting at Aulbury Chapel next Sunday night.

Herman and Ira Backus of Kansas City are visiting relatives in Jay Dee.

Miss Della Snowfield closed a successful term of school all Hall's Friday.

Tommy Buckner and Roscoe Las source were visitors in Farmington Sunday.

Shell McCarty, principal of the Leadville school, is home till after the holidays.

Mrs. Richardson of Desloge is visiting her father, Mr. Dave Pinkston, of this place.

"Grandma" Johnson is home after a month's visit with her son at Fredericktown.

Several of our citizens attended the Hanning-Norman wedding at Elvins Christmas day.

Miss Maggie Signan has closed her school at Hilderbright and returned to her home here.

Mrs. Jennie Eaton closed a successful term of school at the Mosteller school house Friday.

Deputy Sheriff London was in the prairie Tuesday subpoenaing witnesses for a Christmas present.

"Grandpa" Beard was the recipient of a beautiful solid gold Medicine bag for a Christmas present.

Mrs. Ella Cunningham, who we are sorry to report, is not much improved from a long spell of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cunningham of Three Rivers were visiting with Mrs. Newby Saturday and Sunday.

Lon Pinkston is home from St. Louis, where he has been working in a machine shop for several months.

Rev. J. A. Wood filled his regular appointment at Marvin Chapel Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Isadore Aulluchon and Misses Julia Cruncleton and Orpha Shelley are home from Carleton College for the holidays.

Miss Hattie Mosteller has completed a successful term of school at Roughley and returned to her home at Hazel Run.

Frank Signan and bride of Doe Run, with some of the bride's relatives, visited the groom's parents here Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, W. R. Oscar, Mollie, Maggie and Grace Signan attended the wedding of Frank Signan at Doe Run the 20th.

The entertainment and Christmas tree given by the Aulbury Chapel Sunday school was a success in every particular. The opening address by Rev. J. Wood, the selections by the choir, and the recitations by the scholars were all well rendered. Although the house was crowded to its limit, the best of order was observed throughout the exercises, and the recitations could be heard in all parts of the house. It would be hard to give the little folks the credit due them for their part in the entertainment. They would be unjust to the rest to call any of the little orators by name; they all did well, exceedingly well.

REGULDS.

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## HUNGRY DREAM OF FOOD.

Explorers in the Antarctic Tell Strange Stories of Their Experiences.

"Food dreams," superinduced by extreme hunger and the difficulties that attend the advent of Morpheus in the Antarctic regions, are very interesting, and from the account of the voyage of the Discovery to the Antarctic is extracted the following data:

"In the journey to the south, in which we were absent three months from the ship," says Edward A. Wilson, M. B., writing in the British Medical Journal, "our food allowance was for some days a bare pound of soap and a half to each man daily. On this allowance hunger never left us and sleep was much disturbed by dreamy pointing food dreams—visions of food and steaming cauldrons of cabbage and potato, lamb, suet, stuffed turkeys and splendid hams, and waters flying around with plates full of everything else, but, about as one might, one could not get attended to, and then one awoke and remained awake. In one's sleeping bag for hours from sheer hunger and healthy appetite, to wait for a breakfast of boiled rice and the crumbs of one and a half biscuits fried in the fat of a thin slice of bacon.

"Then four hours' hauling on the sledges and a cold lunch of dried chips of seal meat, eight lumps of sugar and a biscuit. Then three more hours of hauling on the sledges or, worse still, of driving on the dogs, and a small camp for the night on a panhandle of soup made of pemican and pea meal, with plenty of boiled tea water and a fraction of a piece of chocolate. As for sleep in the lower temperatures of the spring sledge journeys, it is hardly worth the name.

"The season used to wake in the morning and groan they had been awake all night, but my own experience is the same as that of others, and it is this: One gets into the reindeer skin sleeping bag with no joy at all, for after a few days' sledging the accumulation of nature from the condensation of one's breath and from the snowdrift and from perspiration in one's clothing has filled the reindeer skin with frost and rime and made the leather hard and full of frozen water.

"One crawls into this after freezing one's fingers over changing socks and boots of reindeer skin—an absolute necessity to prevent the freezing of one's feet. Having drawn the flap over one's head and buttoned all the toggles, so that as little air as possible can get in or out, one begins to shiver one's self warm, a business which occupies from an hour to an hour and a half or two hours, sometimes it seems to occupy the whole night. During the process the bag begins to thaw, as well as one's various garments.

"After this thaw has set in properly one begins to dream, and but for dreams the most absurd under the sun one would not believe that one could sleep at all. Every hour or so one wakes to shiver, and then again the dream begins, and this goes on until at last there is light enough in the tent to cook by, and one knows that purgatory is over."

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There's a wonderful help in a gentle word.

If the truth of love goes with it, it's like the word by the angel stilled.

If the strength of faith goes with it, it's a word that's a touch of the hand.